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They are never alone that are accompanied by noble thoughts.—Sir Philip Sydney.

A MOST DASTARDLY CRIME.

NO LANGUAGE is strong enough properly to characterize the dastardly assassination of ex-Sheriff Harvey K. Brown of Baker City. No effort or expense should be spared to bring the perpetrators of this horrible crime to justice.

The similarity of this crime with that of which ex-Governor Steunenberg was the victim at once arouses the suspicion that it was planned by the same gang, or at least by a similar group of assassins, and that there is another Orchard at large.

Such a deed is hideously infamous. Brown was a straight, brave, conscientious man. As sheriff of Baker county, especially during his last term, he dared to do his sworn duty, though to do it was very difficult, and gained for him many enemies.

It is difficult to comprehend the fiendish depravity of those who planned and consummated the assassination of such a man, making his wife a heart-broken widow and his children orphans.

A "REVOLUTIONARY" MOVEMENT. THE LOS ANGELES Times views recent legislation, and the direct legislation movement, in Oregon, with alarm, pity and reprobation.

revolutionary departure from the theory of a representative, Republican government to the theory of a "pure democracy," very well; the name is nothing, if the thing is right.

The people of Oregon found, and those of other states have found, too, that the representative system, with no strings in the people's hands attached to it, is a failure, a delusion, a fraud.

The beautiful representative system, with the masses of the people utterly powerless, either positively or negatively, is in vogue in the New England states, and in New York, and in California; look at their senators.

There is not even a representative government in California, only the mere form of it. One man governs the state, selects all important officers, sends his tools to congress, is almost as much an absolute dictator of public affairs as a czar.

TAFT A DOUBTFUL QUANTITY. "SUPPOSE," SAYS A Republican contemporary, "that the Democrats should nominate Johnson, and the Republicans Taft or Hughes; loud then would be the wallings from Wall street; frenzied the ululations of the pirate trusts.

The notorious Milwaukee club has reopened its gambling games. Neither the district attorney nor the sheriff of Clackamas county appears to have been aware of the fact.

Governor Comer of Alabama has called a special session of the legislature to order. He announces in the call, "to establish the fact whether the railroads of the state are to dominate the situation, or the state is to control the railroads."

would be all that it is claimed he would be; only saying that nobody knows or can assert that he would be. While his career has been entirely creditable, it points to no sure conclusion in this respect.

OREGON STATE COLLEGES. THE ATTENDANCE at both the University of Oregon and the Agricultural college is larger than ever before, as it should be, and indicates a prosperous year for both those institutions.

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Pendleton, After All Amused. The oriental quarter of every large American city is filled with mystery. "Midnight in Chinatown," the play which the Grand theatre company is presenting next week, undertakes to give some idea of its setting of the town.

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ASSASSINATIONS OF PRESIDENTS. President Roosevelt Addresses Great Throng at St. Louis on Rivers and Their Importance, Panama Canal and Its Benefits—Why Battleships Coming to West.

tip, and that is our navy. The navy is not primarily of importance only to the coast regions. It is every bit as much of a concern to every citizen who dwells a thousand miles from sea water as of the fisherman who makes his living out of it.

Our fleet is going to its own home waters in the Pacific, and after a stay there it will return to its own home waters in the Atlantic. The best place for our fleet to winter is in New York and Maine, of Louisiana and Texas.

Control of Railroads. The American people will not tolerate the happy-go-lucky system of no control over the great interstate railroads, with the insolent and manifold abuses which have so generally accompanied it.

Build the Canal. I think that the building of the Panama canal will be long the Pacific and the states that lie long the gulf; and yet after all, I feel that the advantage of all of us—to the advantage of the nation as a whole.

Plans for Triangle Lake Power Plant. (Special Dispatch to The Journal). Eugene, Or., Oct. 2.—The Pacific Light & Power company has let the contract for 100,000 feet of lumber with which to build a dam for a new electric plant which it intends to erect near Triangle lake, 30 miles west of Eugene.

Bert Huffman Prize Booster. (Special Dispatch to The Journal). Pendleton, Or., Oct. 2.—Bert Huffman, editor of the East Oregonian, took the premium for the best composition on Umatilla or Morrow counties, offered by the district fair. His topic was "Umatilla County and Its Opportunities." It will be used by the fair association in advertising Umatilla county in the east.